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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR. § 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2001 (Paper No. 9) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12 and 13 without prejudice. Please amend the claims to read as follows (detail of claim amendments included herewith):

10. (Twice Amended) A formulation comprising a combination of at least one plant oil chosen from oils of fennel, basil, or active ingredients thereof together with at least one of the group comprising benzoic acid, methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben or butyl paraben, wherein the active ingredients of the plant oils are trans-anethole, fenchone or

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